

PREVENT mosquitoes from breeding in your own backyard!

INSPECT YOUR YARD FOR THESE COMMON BREEDING SITES



Common backyard mosquito breeding sites

HELP REDUCE THE MOSQUITO POPULATION!

You can reduce the chances of mosquito bites and being infected by a mosquito-transmitted disease by eliminating standing water in your own backyard. **At least once a week, drain, cover, turn over, or throw out items that hold water.**

Common backyard items that can act as mosquito breeding habitats, due to their ability to hold standing water include the following:

- **Pet dishes** - refresh water daily
- **Tires** - store inside or recycle
- **Open trash cans** - dump water and cover
- **Clogged gutters** - remove debris
- **Leaky faucets** - fix leaks
- **Ponds** - keep free of vegetation or aerate
- **Rain barrels** - cover with a screen or add a Bti "donut" to control mosquito larvae (see information below)
- **Uncovered grills** - cover or store inside
- **Children's toys** - dump water and store inside
- **Bird baths & wading pools** - refresh water weekly
- **Flower pots/watering cans** - dump water or store inside

Can't Eliminate Standing Water?

CALL MOSQUITO CONTROL TO HELP!

Staff will conduct a yard inspection to identify potential breeding sites. Mosquito Control staff can prevent mosquito breeding by using a product such as a Bti "donut" if desired by the homeowner.

Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis (Bti), is a naturally-occurring soil bacterium that only affects mosquitoes, black flies, and fungus gnats. This product prevents breeding for 30 days and is effective for use in sites such as unused pools, ornamental ponds, and rain barrels.



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Bti donut in a rain barrel

